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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This acknowledges receipt on March 9 of your letter dated March 8, 1978, appealing from the action of the F.B.I.'s San Diego Field Office on your request for access to records about yourself.

Your appeal has been assigned number 8-0398, to which you should refer in any further correspondence pertaining to this particular appeal. We will assign and process this appeal as quickly as possible, consistent with our general practice of giving priority based on the date of receipt by this Office.

Enclosed as I promised are copies of my testimony before the Abourezk Subcommittee on two occasions late last year. The transcripts are not necessarily complete, in the sense of having all testimony of other witnesses. What you are getting is everything I received for editing. As soon as I receive and clean up a copy of the transcript of last week's hearing before the Permanent Investigating Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I'll send you a copy.

As to the first batch of Kennedy records, I checked and discovered that the Solicitor General's Office has not yet decided whether to appeal Judge Gesell's order on the fees. It's not in my hands, but I'll keep an eye on it. Although I was the one actually found "arbitrary and capricious," I nonetheless advised against an appeal. Let's see what happens.

Sincerely,

Quinlan J. Shea, Jr., Director
Office of Privacy and Information Appeals

Enclosures

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